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Subj: THE NAVY UNIFORM AND ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING PROGRAM

Ref: (a) NAVPERS 15665H (U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations)
(b) NAVSUP Manual Volume II
(c) NAVSUP Pub 485

1. Purpose. To delineate areas of functional responsibilities for the overall management of the Navy Uniform and Organizational Clothing Program.

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3. Background. Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) is Program Manager and responsible for management of retail clothing items (government issue and certified commercial uniform items), environmental and protective clothing (organizational clothing) and miscellaneous organizational type items (flags, bedding, towels, etc.).

4. Discussion

a. The Chief of Naval Operations, through the Naval Uniform Board (NUB), implements the regulations governing naval uniforms. The logistical tasks associated with the acquisition, storage, issue, and sale of naval uniforms are coordinated by NEXCOM. There are three categories of Navy uniform items; 1) government issue, or "sea bag" of uniform items (primarily for E-1 through E-6 personnel), 2) commercial uniform items (primarily for E-7 and above), and 3) organizational uniform items. Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC), is specifically responsible for acquisition of government issue items and organizational uniform items as identified by cognizance symbol 9D. The Recruit Training Centers (RTC) will requisition items on the Monetary Clothing Allowance List (seabag items) through appropriate channels from DPSC. NEXCOM is the authorized agent for acquisition of commercial uniform items in accordance with the standards delineated in reference (a). RTC and other Navy activities must procure all commercial items through NEXCOM.

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b. Uniform Centers at Navy Exchanges will stock clothing items from the Monetary Clothing Allowance List in accordance with guidance provided by NEXCOM. In addition, Uniform Centers will stock certified commercial uniform items identified as "optional" by NUB. In as much as it is not economically viable to stock every clothing item in Uniform Centers, NEXCOM maintains a mail order and central distribution service for certified commercially procured items as well as made-to-measure uniforms and ribbons (basic E-1 items). Requirements for organizational clothing should continue to be processed according to references (b) and (c) as applicable.

R) 5. Responsibilities. The principal responsibility for Navy uniform and organizational clothing support is shared among several commands. The roles of these commands are as follows:

a. Chief of Naval Operations: Specify Navy uniforms, approve uniform changes and prescribe overall policy pertaining thereto.

b. Bureau of Naval Personnel: Responsible for convening the NUB which reviews and recommends appropriate changes and new items for subsequent inclusion in the U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations.

c. Defense Personnel Support Center: Procure and stock wholesale quantities of Navy uniform articles, organizational clothing, and miscellaneous organizational items in accordance with Navy requirements.

d. Ships Parts Control Center: Provide Defense Business and Operations Funds for retail items and manage preposition war reserve stock as directed by higher authority. Provide catalogue services for all Navy 9D cognizance material.

e. Naval Supply Systems Command: Provide overall policy direction for the management of the Navy Uniform and Organizational Clothing Program relative to funding, procurement, stocking and distribution. Provide O&MN funding to support Naval Uniform and Organizational Clothing Program functions that are appropriated fund responsibilities. Act as a liaison within the Navy concerning all clothing matters.

f. Navy Exchange Service Command: Serve as the Program Manager and principal focal point within the Navy for logistic coordination of uniform clothing, organizational clothing and miscellaneous organizational items (Navy 9D cognizance symbol items). Design, test, and evaluate Navy uniform articles and insignias through the Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility (NCTRF). Within NEXCOM, the Uniform Division has been assigned as the Program Manager and central focal point for all logistic matters related to clothing items. In the role, NEXCOM will:

(1) Act as the central focal point for clothing as it pertains to requirements determination, funding, procurement, stocking, requisitioning, issuing, and disposal.

(2) Act as the Navy Liaison Agent to DPSC for maintenance of adequate stock levels for recruit issues and initiate action with DPSC concerning critical item reports.

(3) Coordinate the annual update of the Monetary Clothing Allowance List, forecast of Navy uniform requirements and establish phase-in/phase-out schedules of Navy uniform articles.

(4) Coordinate NCTRF preparation of specifications and standards for clothing items.

(5) Serve as the principal agent for coordination and review of specifications.

(6) Monitor the retail clothing support provided by DPSC to the RTCs.

(7) Resolve product quality problems with DPSC.

(8) Provide management direction for Navy Uniform Centers and other designated distribution points which stock and supply Navy Exchanges with uniforms and accessories.

(9) Monitor the retail clothing operations located at NTC Great Lakes and NEXCOM Uniform Support Center, Chesapeake, Virginia (certified commercial uniform items-identified as "optional" and special order items).

(10) Enforce the Navy Certification Program and monitor quality of uniforms from commercial vendors.

(11) Act as the central focal point and approval authority for procurement of certified commercial uniform items.

(12) Monitor and evaluate performance of the Navy Uniform Centers.

g. Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility: Under the cognizance of NEXCOM:

(1) Performs research, development, test and evaluation in textile fibers, fabrics, colorants, functional finishes and coatings, clothing and related material for the safety, protection, health, and well-being for Naval Personnel in the marine climate and occupational environment of surface ships and submarines.

(2) Designs the articles of the naval uniform including distinctive insignia, and provides advice to NEXCOM in its capacity as technical member of the NUB.

(3) Provides technical advice to the DPSC in the procurement, supply and cataloging of Navy clothing and textiles.

(4) Conducts a certification program for articles of the naval uniform to provide warranties by manufacturers; that such articles, offered for sale to naval personnel outside the Navy Supply System - commercial outlets and Navy Exchanges will meet or exceed prescribed standards.

(5) Performs test and evaluation of laundry and dry cleaning supplies and procedures, and prepares instructions for the care and maintenance of clothing in the supply system.

(6) Provides training and support to the Navy Exchange Tailoring Personnel assigned to RTCs to ensure all recruits are provided a uniform that properly fits.

(7) Prepares and maintains instructions on the measurement and proper fit of the naval uniform for dissemination to all Navy Uniform Centers and RTCs.

6. Action. NEXCOM through the Uniform Division as the Program Manager for Navy clothing items will coordinate the logistical tasks/requirements associated with the overall management of the Navy Uniform and Organizational Clothing Program relative to field activities and commands within the Department of the Navy.



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